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But as GOD's handmaid^ Nature, doth  
create Bodies, in time distinct and  
order due ; So GOD gives souls the  
like successive date\* Which Himself  
makes in bodies iormed new\*

Which Himself makes, of no  
material things! For unto angels.  
He no power hath given,  
Either to form the shape, or stuff to  
bring, From air, or Fire, or  
substance of the heaven\*

Nor He, in this, doth Nature's service use J  
That the For though from bodies she can  
bodies bring; traduced<sup>01</sup> Yet could she never,  
souls from souls traduce, p<sup>TM</sup>?nts<sup>he</sup> As fire from  
fire, or light from light doth spring f

Alas ! that some that were great lights of old,  
And in their hands the Lamp of GOD did  
bear! Some reverend Fathers did this  
error hold, Having their eyes dimmed  
with religious fear.

" For when," say they, <sup>s\*</sup>by rule of faith we find,  
That every soul unto her body knit, Brings  
from the mother's womb, the Sin of Kind,  
The root of all the ill She doth commit."

" How can we say, that GOD, the Soul doth  
make, But we must make Him author of  
her sin ! Then from man's soul, She doth  
beginning take, Since in man's soul,  
corruption did begin."

" For if GOD make her, first he makes her ill!  
(Which GOD forbid! our thoughts should  
yield unto) Or makes the body, her fair form  
to spill! Which, of itself, it hath no power to  
do,"

" Not Adam's Body, but his Soul did sin,  
And so herself unto corruption brought!  
But our poor Soul corrupted is within !  
Ere She hath sinned, either in act or  
thought" ;

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